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Subject: RE: press inquiry - fact-checking on SDWA/ other funding for Warm Springs

Hi Mark,

I manage the Warm Springs PPG. The short answer to your question is that no funds under the PPG have been spent to assist the Tribe in mitigating their Safe Drinking Water crisis.

The Tribal Natural Resources Department manages the PPG funds, and none of the funds are used for utility work. The Utilities Department is entirely separate from Natural Resources at the tribal level.

Are you also tracking info on EPA staff-time spent in assisting the tribe?

I traveled to Warm Springs for a consultation in November 2018, and attended the first Funders Summit meeting, held June 12. I have also been involved in many EPA internal meetings addressing the many complicated issues at Warm Springs – including water, wastewater, and the landfill/open dump.

Thanks,
Kris

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Kris: I'm trying to wrangle up some numbers about how much \$\$\$ we've spent in assisting the Warm Springs Tribe in mitigating their Safe Drinking Water/POTW crisis at the Reservation.

Can you help me track the funding we've release thus far?

Thanks!

MM

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Adam,

In 2017, EPA funded a planning project under Project Number 17-M42. The planning project involved the evaluation of water source and rehabilitation/replacement alternatives for the Dry Creek Water Treatment Plant. The study identified that constructing a replacement water treatment plant at the existing Dry Creek location as the preferred alternative. EPA provided (\$50,000.00) from the TSA-Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant (TSA-DWIG) program.

Johnny Clark

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Importance: High

Folding in a few others to help, because it's complicated.

There is a new HUD grant that will reimburse WS for money spent on current pressure release valve project – but it's after the tribe spends money on repairs. Not awarded yet so not sure if can be used for press. Previous HUD grant goes mostly to infrastructure repairs required by the SDWA 1414 order.

Johnny/ Jenna – can you give us a bullet about how EPA funds first the IA to IHSs who provides technical assistance to Warm Springs? Also EPA funds IHS grant program for planning of new plant at X amount...it that's true yet.

Mat – can you provide that answer on hours of technical assistance of TUCs on site since date X? Not sure if that number ever became public.

Stacy – any GAP/other grants that would apply?

Also, I secured 10K of EPA funding for operator training to take place in November, that number might go to 15K for second training in the Spring. But grant not technically awarded yet, so probably can't be used for press.



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Subject: FW: EPA Q & A RE Warm Springs Safe Drinking Water Challenges

Can someone fact check this statement for me...not familiar with the financing end of this....

From: Emily Cureton <ecureton@opb.org>
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Subject: Re: EPA Q & A RE Warm Springs Safe Drinking Water Challenges

Mark,

Thanks again for this. I do not see any dollar amounts anywhere, so I am left to assume the financial assistance via EPA-specific programs since the disaster declaration = \$0.

BIA said its emergency funding provided during the recent disaster declaration exceeds \$400k. but that **"The trust relationship is shared by all federal agencies, not just the BIA..."** and that **"BIA does not typically provide tribes with technical assistance with their water systems, this technical assistance is typically provided by the Indian Health Service or the Environmental Protection Agency."**

IHS detailed various technical assistance and funding requests. It pointed to a \$447K HUD grant, which was actually released to the tribes in 2018. Unclear if new HUD funding has been made available for pressure valve repair beginning today.

Members of the congressional delegation have told me the tribe has not made any specific asks of them.

FEMA has not gotten any requests for assistance, and referred me to the BIA.

The Governor's office said CTWS will be "allocated \$7.8M for water and wastewater in HB 5030 (Section 30) in lottery bonding authority.

Just running this by, in case you hear differently. This is a complicated puzzle of everyone pointing at someone else, as far as I can tell.

From: "MacIntyre, Mark" <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov>
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Subject: EPA Q & A RE Warm Springs Safe Drinking Water Challenges

Emily: Thank you for the good discussion this afternoon.....Please contact me if more questions arise. Also: based on today's conversation and just to be clear, the Safe

Drinking Water Act's rules and requirements are not suspended or waived as a result of a boil-water notice. MM

Q: What technical and financial assistance is being provided by EPA in the past 60 days?

- EPA issued SDWA Orders and jointly organized a “funding summit” to coordinate federal funding from various agencies. Multiple agencies, organizations and representatives have stepped forward to work collaboratively to identify funding and other resources for the tribe. Over 60 people convened for the June 12 summit, and multiple action-oriented subcommittees were formed. A follow up summit is scheduled to occur in August.
- As part of the SDWA orders, EPA is speaking weekly with the tribal utilities staff and monthly site visits with tribal leadership to improve communication and coordinate priority actions under the order.
- Separately, the Indian Health Service has also provided on-site training and technical assistance, linked with an interagency agreement from EPA.
- The June “funding summit” has also resulted in a HUD “imminent threat” grant to assist with immediate needs (line breaks) associated with the current boil water notice.
- Distribution system construction expected to be completed by contractors in early August. Confirmation sampling then expected to be delivered to EPA in mid-August. Boil water notice could potentially be lifted by mid to late August. Alternate water and boil water notice will remain in place until then. Warm Springs will be using HUD grants to recoup their costs for this work.
- Warm Springs utilities have been focused on stabilizing the distribution system. Accordingly, they have yet to meet certain SDWA requirements including additional planning to maintain an alternate water supply and other technical and contracting processes. Tribe has taken steps towards advancing this work.
- Soon after system stabilization, Warm Springs will need to focus on what's called the “120-day engineering assessment.” Warm Springs has funding for this assessment, and EPA understands it will be performed by PDG, same firm that did the distribution system stabilization work.

- EPA will be on site again for the monthly Tribal Council briefing on August 12. At that point, EPA will also do a walk through to see status of distribution system work and review progress under the orders generally.

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